Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Michael W. Bekaert's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Bekaert has devoted more than 31 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader of soldiers, dedicated himself to the Transportation Corps, served as the Command Sergeant Major of the South Dakota National Guard, and supported Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Bekaert continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Command Sergeant Major Michael W. Bekaert for more than 31 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2010, as

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL W. BEKAERT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well after his May 31, 2010, retirement, and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State